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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

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30 October 1957

1. Mr. [REDACTED] Office of Current Intelligence, gave a briefing covering the following items:

- a. The probable reasons for the removal of Marshall Zhukov as Defense Minister;
- b. Soviet attempts to exploit the Sputnik in international affairs;
- c. Preparations for the Soviet celebration of the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution on 7 November;
- d. Natural disasters in Communist China and difficulties encountered in their Agricultural program;
- e. Yugoslavia's recognition of East Germany;
- f. Syrian-Turkish border tensions;
- g. Turmoil in Guatemala following the recent presidential elections.

2. Mr. Lloyd made the following announcements:

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a. Mr. [REDACTED] is now the DD/8 Career Management Officer, replacing Mr. [REDACTED] who will be departing shortly for [REDACTED]

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b. Since our United Givers Fund Drive has been lagging, the Director wants each Office Head and Staff Chief to give additional publicity and emphasis to this Campaign and to encourage all personnel to participate in this important endeavor. He should also urge his solicitors and keymen to forward promptly all contributions and pledges as received.

c. It appears that we are getting back to the habit of piling up cables for late Friday afternoon release, thus causing a heavy peak work-load on the Signal Center. [REDACTED] requires that cables written by the Office of Communications on Friday afternoons be released by him personally and handcarried by the originator to the Signal Center. Each Office and Staff Chief is encouraged to establish a similar system to control the weekend release of cables.

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d. DD/S components originating papers which require the Director's action or approval are requested to either (1) address such memoranda to the Director of Central Intelligence over the signature of the Deputy Director (Support) or (2) to the Director through the Deputy Director (Support) for concurrence. This will obviate the necessity for the Office of the DD/S to prepare covering memoranda to the Director for those papers which are addressed to the Deputy Director (Support) but must be forwarded to the Director.

e. At the last Career Council Meeting to select candidates for certain external schools it was apparent that certain DD/S nominees were unprepared for their interviews with the Career Council. It is important that such candidates be briefed in order to make a good showing in their interviews and that they be prepared to answer questions as to why they want to go to school, how it will help them and the Agency, and what their plans are for assignment upon completion of their schooling.

The Office of Training can give a good outline of the courses and put the candidate in touch with former students. Mr. Stewart pointed out that the Career Council considered the immediate benefit to be gained by the Agency as one of the primary requisites for selection.

f. General Cassidy, of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities has advised Colonel White that he has completed his review of the DD/S components and has reported to the Board that he thought we had a good organization, were doing a fine job and were aware of our deficiencies and were giving them appropriate attention.

g. The next Senior Staff Meeting is scheduled for 4 November 1957-25X1A9a Any items for the Agenda should be submitted to Mr. [REDACTED]

Office Heads are requested to submit to Mr. [REDACTED] the names of any 25X1A9a individuals who are attending a monthly Senior Staff Meeting for the first time. This is in conformance with the Director's desire to be aware of new participants and to make their presence known to the rest of the group.

3. The meeting adjourned at 1150 hours.

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